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Applicants : Thomas J. Bachinski et al.
Application No. : 10/817,120 Confirmation No.: 2904
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Group Art Unit : 3731
Examiner : Michael G. Mendoza

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [X] a Reply to Final Office Action; [] a Terminal Disclaimer; and [] a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to be filed in the above identified patent application.

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[X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed
November 1, 2005, applicants respectfully request
reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of
the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.